

COUNCIL MEETING
July 12, 2016
7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council members were present: Mrs. Duff, Mr. Roark, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Unglesbee. Council Member Mr. Renehan was absent. Staff members present were: Chief Ken Meekins and Christy Collins.

Guests present: Karl Mauck, Kenny Ruby, Nick Thompson and F. Douglas Harrell.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2016.** Mr. Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

REPORTS:

All reports were made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to approve abatement of Business Personal Property Taxes for Backstage Bistro.** Mr. Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to approve the budget revision to transfer \$50,000 from Reserves to Snow Removal Operating in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. Mr. Thomas requested a roll call vote. Mrs. Duff voted for, Mr. Roark voted for, Mr. Thomas voted for and Mr. Unglesbee voted for. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Thomas began a discussion about the Town's property on St. Paul Street [Map 33, Grid 20, Parcel 283 – C] and what could possibly be done with said property.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Karl Mauck expressed concerns [environmental (possible soil contamination), traffic, development plan process] at the FRP Hampstead LLC property which was recently approved for rezoning.

Mr. Harrell gave an update on his property development process and stated that he is in the process of finding a quality builder. He also commented on the North Carroll High School appeal hearing which he

attended, as well as the waste of good items as the school was cleaned out. A brief discussion ensued on what the County might do with the school building. The Mayor stated that Commissioner Weaver will be meeting with the Town and community representatives in August to discuss options.

Mr. Harrell commented on the Main Street Revitalization project and the timeline for said project. The Mayor responded with a brief summation of the project and the timeline.

Mr. Harrell then commented on the condition of houses on Main Street and how some have very poor appearances which will be incongruent with our finished Main Street. Discussion ensued on what the Town Code allows for enforcement of property maintenance.

Mrs. Duff made **a motion to adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

ATTEST

MAYOR